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Enclosed is the information disclosure statement, mailed May 12, 2003. All the references have been considered. The claims stand rejected for the reasons stated in the Final Office Action, mailed June 23, 2003.

No new time period for response has been sent. Applicant's response is due by the date indicated in the Final Office Action, mailed June 23, 2003.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin R Kruer whose telephone number is 703-305-0025. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30a.m. to 4:00p.m.

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